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Wal-Mart employees dismissed

By BURTON TAYLOR
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Low sales at the Wal-Mart Super Center have caused turbulence at the store, with management recently informing a number of employees they are temporarily out of a job.

Co-manager Linda Bowen said the reason for the dismissal of employees is because business has decreased in the summer months.

"We are just going according to what the sales dictate," Bowen said.

Bowen would not comment on how many employees were temporarily out of work but said lower seniority employees were asked to leave first.

"We just usually ask the lower seniority and discuss with them the option of St. Joseph," Bowen said. "We didn't leave them high and dry."

The option of St. Joseph includes an opportunity to work.

"We really haven't terminated them," she said. "I think what we've done is offered them to work in the St. Joseph store in July."

Either way, if employees opt to take advantage of the work in St. Joseph or enjoy the summer months without work, Bowen said they will all be invited back in August.

"Wal-Mart doesn't feel it has done the wrong thing," Bowen said.

Until August when the employees are invited back, the St. Joseph Wal-Mart is undergoing remodeling which Bowen said Maryville employees can help with if they are interested.

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Parading Independence Day



10-year-old Andy Snyder sets off a smoke bomb in the street in front of his house on the Fourth of July. Andy and his 7-year-old brother Sam enjoyed the fireworks despite the rainy weather earlier in the day.

Taylor Walter and Samantha Dooley enjoy the ride during the 23rd annual Lisa Lane Fourth of July Parade Monday. The parade was followed by a picnic for the neighborhood. During the picnic children also went bobbing for apples.

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Recent rain ends drought

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Recent rains have put an end to the drought in Nodaway County.

Maryville City Manager David Angerer said Mozingo Lake, Maryville's water source, has recuperated.

"Two weeks ago the lake was 30 inches from full, it has risen 30 inches in two weeks," Angerer said.

Angerer said the drought had not affected the city to any significant degree.

"It really didn't hurt us much," he said. "As long as we have Mozingo Lake and there isn't a three year drought, we're not going to have a problem. We were never short on water. Our plant just couldn't process enough in a day

to meet the demand."

Angerer said during the drought farm ponds had dried up which meant the city sold more water to farmers.

"We slow down when the rain comes but things pick up again after a few days," Angerer said.

Angerer said the current water plant only processes 2.5 million gallons a day which is a key reason why the city is working on a new higher-capacity plant.

"With the new plant we will have more quantity and better quality of water," Angerer said.

Andrew Klenkel, senior music major, works for Maryville Parks and Recreation. Klenkel said he can hardly keep up with the

mowing now that the rain has returned.

"I used to mow Beal Park once every two weeks," Klenkel said. "I had to mow it twice last week. I'm starting to get a little behind now."

Coop General Manager Harold Spire said from August of last year until the end of this May has been the driest nine months since 1988.

"There is a lot of debate on how bad the crops were hurt early on," Spire said. "The soybeans look fair right now, the beans are yellow and they have a potassium deficiency."

Spire said there is no substantial subsoil moisture and that another drought could be very damaging to the crops. He said no one will know how the yields will turn out until harvest time.

Campus renovations proceed

By JOSH FLAHARTY
COPY EDITOR

Construction projects across campus are proceeding according to schedule said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services.

Renovations to the Gaunt House, the residence of University President Dean Hubbard, is moving along as intended en route to the mid-September deadline. Work is being done to create a handicap-accessible restroom on the main floor, expand the kitchen area and repair the north patio.

Work on Golden Hall is nearing completion. Work was done on waterproofing, replacement of exterior tiles, basic facade maintenance and the cutting of control joints.

The tiles over the stair towers had to be replaced because matching tiles could not be found, said Dave Duvall, associate director of environmental services.

"The sad part about masonry in general is that they don't continue to manufacture the same products from year to year so it's very difficult to find brick to match and even more difficult to find matching tile," Duvall said. "So the best option we were left with was to take it all off and start over."

Cooper Hall is the current focus of University construction crews. The building is being remodeled for students of the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.

Two apartments are being created on each floor to house the resident counselors, bathrooms are being privatized for the younger students and the ground floor lounges are being remodeled to accommodate study rooms and the academy's administrative offices.

"It's a very ambitious schedule for us to have that done when the students start moving in," Courter said. "It has always been our goal to finish the student spaces first and then the admin-

istrative spaces after that."

Duvall agreed and said the deadline will be met.

"The priority all along has been the students," Duvall said. "Their rooms will be done, that's not even an issue."

Duvall said the University construction crews have been working hard to ensure the building is ready for the students. Some maintenance personnel have been called in to assist the crews.

"The construction staff has been on overtime for weeks and they're just about exhausted," Duvall said.

Work is also progressing on Garrett-Strong. The new dock, handicap ramp and entryway on the north side of the building are currently being constructed. The demolition done for this part of the project also allowed for the removal of the old mechanical systems.

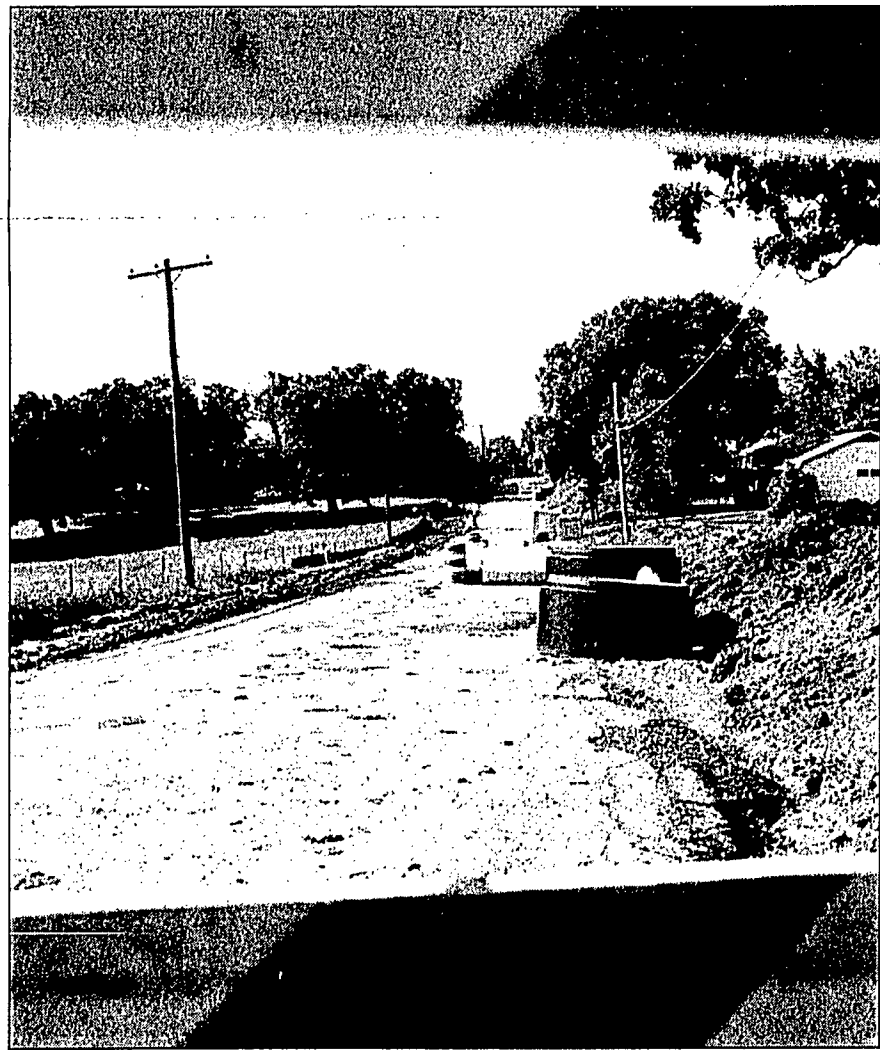
An addition was also made on the roof of the building to house the mechanical components. Courter said the components that are currently inside the building will be housed in this new penthouse to free up additional classroom space.

Rickenbrode Stadium renovations are on schedule for completion by the start of the 2000 season. The aluminum flooring is currently being installed in the bleachers. The seats will be installed when they arrive, Courter said.

"We know that the seating will be in place and based on the current progress of the project we believe that most of the utilities underneath the seats will be available," Courter said.

Funding for work that was scheduled to begin on the Fine Arts Building this fall has been temporarily delayed pending the outcome of a couple lawsuits at the state level, Courter said.

"We will be delaying the whole project until the cases are decided," Courter said. "The design work will continue so that we will have all that done when we do get the money."



JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

North Dewey Street is the year's focus for the Maryville Permanent Street Project. White Cloud Engineering and Construction Co. began the street repair in mid-April.

Local street repair nears completion

By JOSIE MCCLERNON
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

On a cool but sunny morning in July, all is still on Park Avenue except for the birds chirping in the trees, the lawn mower running in the neighbor's front yard and the construction trucks bustling up and down the street.

The trucks' destination is North Dewey Street, which Matt Chesnut, assistant city manager, said is this year's focus for Maryville's Permanent Street Project.

Every year, approximately \$550,000 of the city budget is used to repair between seven and 10 city blocks.

Raymond Seipel, North Dewey Street resident, said he has been anticipating the repair of the street for some time.

"We moved here eight and a half years ago," Seipel said. "It was in bad shape then. We're real pleased to be getting a new street."

Two Maryville businesses were cho-

sen to complete the project which has been split into two sections.

White Cloud Engineering and Construction Co. began working on its part of the project in mid-April.

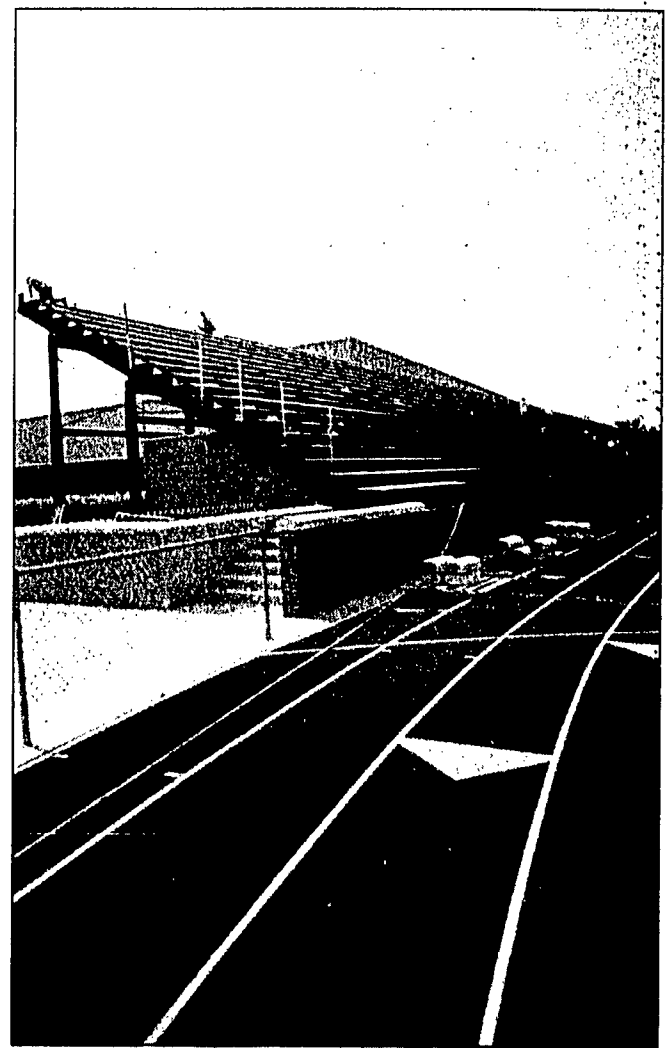
By the first of June, a new plastic water main had replaced the previous cast iron main running along Dewey Street from Seventh to 16th streets.

According to White Cloud Engineering President Broch Pfost, the 3,300-foot main will increase fire protection and provide better water services to area residents.

Upon completion of the first phase, Loch Sand and Construction, began working on phase two of the project.

From 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily, workers have been removing the old street and replacing it with a new one. The new street will be concrete with new curbs and gutters.

Project Manager Mike Luke said he is pleased with the progress of the construction so far and expects the job to be complete in October.



JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Construction projects such as the completion of Rickenbrode Stadium continue on campus and are proceeding according to schedule, said Ray Courter, vice president of finance and support services. Construction on the stadium is scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2000 football season. The aluminum flooring is currently being installed at the stadium and the new seating will follow.

Residence hall to open in fall

By RYAN SORGE
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After several delays since the Spring trimester, South Complex will be ready to welcome 249 residents this fall.

Matt Baker, assistant director of residential life, said South Complex is close to completion. Inspections of the three-story, U-shaped building have been ongoing since May to make sure everything is completed and in working order for the fall trimester.

Inspections, or punch lists, include making sure that lights work, walls are painted the proper color and do not have gouges in them, electrical outlets have covers on them and making sure furniture is where it is supposed to be.

Once this is done the contractors will return to make any necessary repairs. Finally, the custodial crews will clean and prepare the building for residents.

One reason for the delay of the construction was because of the size of the project and unexpected problems, Baker said.

When construction crews took out the door jams it became ap-

parent that they were also support structures for the walls.

"The size of the project itself was bigger than expected," Baker said. "They had to take out all the interior walls and start over."

Despite the fact that things did not go as planned, Randy Sharp, director of capital projects, said in the end the building will be a "better quality product."

Another problem with the progress on South Complex had to do with budget spending. In November 1997 the budget for South Complex was \$6 million. This included the cost for materials and labor. The cost for architects and engineers was counted separately.

Three years later, the building has cost the University about \$8 million. The extra money was freed up from renovations that were scheduled to take place on the high rises.

The \$8 million project provided the University the ability to house 249 students. There are four lofted rooms, three four-person rooms and one six-person room. There are also 11 deluxe single rooms which are built for students who wish to have their own room. All other rooms are double occupancy.



The hallway just inside the main entrance in South Complex is almost ready to welcome its 249 fall residents. In the complex there will be four lofted rooms, three four-person rooms and one six-person room. There will also be 11 deluxe single rooms.

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Play to open July 13

By JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The Nodaway Community Theater Company is presenting a three-night production of "Steel Magnolias" beginning July 13.

The play features actresses who's ages range from high school to the mid-40s.

Director Denise Hastings is a senior theater major at Northwest and has previously directed a one act play titled "Impromptu." Hastings said "Steel Magnolias" is a play about the strength and bond between women and the strongest of friendships.

"Through thick and thin these women are there for each other," Hastings said.

The cast has been rehearsing since June 4 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

"We had auditions May 30," Hastings said. "It was about five minutes until 7 p.m. (audition time) and there were only three people there. I was a little nervous. But we eventually we had 15 people show up."

Angela Zieger, theatre major, is playing the lead part of Shelby.

"I was really attracted to the relationship between Shelby and her mother," Zieger said. "It's really nice to work with someone on that level of closeness."

Brenda Steens, Maryville resident, is playing M'Lynn, Shelby's mother. This is Steens' first acting role.

"I was reaching an age where I wanted to try something different," Steens said. "I wanted to see if I could do this."

Hastings said when Steens auditioned she couldn't tell that she had never acted before.

"There is a scene where Steens' character really breaks down and she nailed it," Hastings said.

Steens said the hardest part has been memorizing all the lines.

"It is more difficult than I ever imagined it would be," Steens said. "Denise and the other actresses have been really patient with me."

Although Steens' personality and that of her character are complete opposites, she found one thing they have in common.

"M'Lynn's daughter Shelby has diabetes," Steens said. "My daughter was diagnosed with lupus last year. I really identify with M'Lynn's concern for the importance her child's health."

Hastings said people shouldn't come to the show expecting to see Daryll Hannah and Julia Roberts and the play was written and performed long before the movie came out.

"People are going to see a very funny show," Hastings said. "There is nothing like a live performance."

Tickets are on sale at Hy-Vee or can be bought at the door. Prices are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.



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Mike Mandrick and Danielle Marshall screw in support walls for the set of "Steel Magnolias" which opens July 13 at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The play is being presented by the Nodaway County Theater Company.

Student publication publishes last issue

By STACY YOUNG
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

After nine years of circulation, *Heartland View*, the student produced travel and leisure magazine, is retired.

Heartland View was a full color, quarterly, student-run publication, that re-discovered the lost treasures of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri, Editor in Chief Jackie Tegen said.

"The staff did a great job of bringing the personalities, restaurants, bed and breakfasts, and history of small towns to its readers," said Laura Widmer, director of student publications.

The magazine presented both, its readers and producers with a land of opportunity. It gave students real world experience with a sense of professionalism, Widmer said.

"You have to learn to pay extraordinary attention to detail," said Colleen Cooke, former copy director. "I never before had to read a story 20 times. It also gave me great clips for my résumé."

Working on *Heartland View* allowed students to experiment with different writing and photography styles as compared to other student publications.

"I think the work you do for *Heartland View* sticks around longer," Cooke said. "With newspaper, it lasts a week and then you move on."

Tegen said the magazine has changed her more as a person than any other project she has worked on.

"There's so much outside of the Maryville and Northwest realm," Tegen said. "I notice that now after working on *Heartland View*."

The magazine distributed roughly 350 copies of each issue to subscribers around the region, but marketing such a big project takes a lot of money and the staff didn't have enough to keep the publication alive.

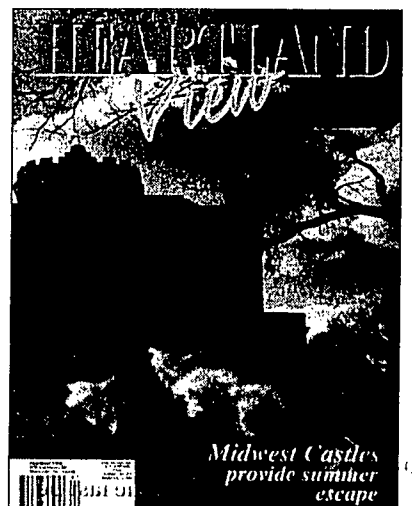
"We didn't have the subscription base we had hoped for," Widmer said. "The University was very generous getting us up and running. We just realized we were never going to get over the hump."

Although there will likely never be another *Heartland View* staff, those who contributed will survive on the pages.

"What's different about *Heartland View* is that it's not dated," Cooke said. "It's worth looking at back issues."

The first issue ran in the spring of 1991, and the millennium marked the end of the publication's nine-year adventure.

"We had a goal to make a magazine," Widmer said. "It was exciting for years to have *Heartland View* around. I'll miss the memories of the students who make it possible."



Midwest Castles provide summer escape

Campus dining to offer new coffee shop

By MAYUMI TANAKA
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There are two new dining locations scheduled to open in the fall trimester including a fine dining-style eatery and a coffee shop in the Student Union.

Three and a half years ago, Campus Dining decided to remodel the Food Court and they were able to have the grand opening of the dining location last year. At the time, there were no extra spaces for students because of

other construction. For the past two years Campus Dining has been in the process of adding the coffee shop and fine dining-style eatery. The two facilities will accompany the Food Court, Sweets 'n' Treats and Freshens in Union.

Through this process, students will have more locations to dine with these two scheduled to open the first day of the fall trimester.

"Students were asking for a coffee house from focus groups such as faculty and organizations and then the

University came up with the plan for a coffee shop," said Barry Beacom, ARAMARK food service director.

The fine-dining area, named Bobby's Cafe, will be located just inside the main entrance of the Union. This area will be an all-you-can-eat buffet lunch from Monday to Friday. Students can eat a variety of items for \$5.95. For dinner, this area will be changed into a restaurant where students will be served by a wait staff.

The new coffee shop, Java City, located next to the Bearcat Bookstore, will be a full-service coffee shop and is well-known across the country. Java City will not only serve coffee but also cappuccino, cold drinks, pastries, sandwiches and other desert items.

The Campus Dining office is still working on fliers which address details of the new locations. The fliers will be available in Freshman Seminar, on campus and at textbook verification.

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GUEST VIEW

Miranda rights supported by U.S. Supreme Court

By MIKE SARZO

THE DIAMONDBACK (U. MARYLAND)

(U-WIRE) COLLEGE PARK, Md. — In what some people might describe as a surprise, the Supreme Court ruled 7-2 Monday that police jurisdictions must continue to issue Miranda rights to people upon arrest. The decision in *Dickerson v. United States*, which pleased civil rights groups and upset police organizations, means that a previously ignored 1968 law that effectively circumvented Miranda was knocked out of use.

But nearly as shocking as the fact the Supreme Court upheld rights that nearly everyone who has ever watched a police show like *Third Watch* or *NYPD Blue* has probably heard was the fact that one of Miranda's harshest critics wrote the majority decision. Chief Justice William Rhenquist ultimately decided correctly that legal precedent and protecting the Constitution supersedes personal opinion.

Even though I might be the last person who should worry about Miranda rights at first glance, I applaud the Supreme Court's decision to require police jurisdictions to follow Miranda. The idea that the rule of law could overpower the rights of the people who helped put those laws into place is too reminiscent of totalitarian regimes or fragile democracies which could crumble upon a leader's whim to call for a state of emergency.

One of the loudest arguments against enforcing Miranda usually comes from victims' rights groups and legal scholars who strove to eliminate the ruling. University of Utah law school professor Paul G. Cassell called the decision "a sad day for victims of crime and law-abiding Americans," adding that "thousands of confessed, dangerous criminals will go free merely because some police officers have made a mistake in following the highly technical Miranda rules."

The 1966 Supreme Court that ruled 5-4 in *Miranda v. Arizona* responded to a rash of police abuse of power, as Arlington police chief Edward A. Flynn alluded to when he complained about the effect of the *Dickerson* decision.

"The police had hoped that 35 years of reform would count for something," he whined.

I can't say that I feel a lot of sympathy for such wrangling from officers who might be looking for a way to skirt their responsibilities. Enough anecdotal evidence has pointed to officers who have needlessly brutalized people, including the death of Amadou Diallo in New York and the beating of Rodney King to make me hesitant to grant unconditional authority to anyone in a position of power.

I readily admit that being a law enforcement official is a very difficult task, one I would be very hesitant to try to take on. But this case removes the possibility that the police could legally compel people to confess to a crime without being aware of their rights. Even though those rights may seem like a luxury here, try being accused of committing a crime in China or Cuba. You wouldn't have those rights in either country.

The justice system in this country certainly has more than its fair share of problems, but removing a requirement to inform possibly innocent people of their rights is not one of the solutions. Solving those problems will take a concerted effort by police jurisdictions and law-abiding citizens to prevent mayhem.

For starters, citizen review boards should be appointed in every police jurisdiction across the country. These boards should also have enough authority to force police to change areas that need it, and should have enough clout to be heard.

Secondly, joint meetings between citizen groups and police forces should be more than perfunctory getting-to-know-you sessions. If a resident has a problem with the police, that resident should not have to fear telling the officers how to redress their grievances.

Third, every employee of the police force should be required to undergo extensive training in people skills so that officers aren't using slurs to describe people they should be protecting.

The above suggestions are not all that it will take to improve a broken-down system and I'm not pretending they are. However, the struggle to make progress for change may help improve the situation noticeably even in the shortest of terms.

That would be something we all can live peacefully with.

YOUR VIEW

Are you satisfied with Maryville's cable television quality? Why?



"The only complaint I have is the few times the cable does go out it takes a long time for the cable to come back on."

Steven Childress
Maryville resident



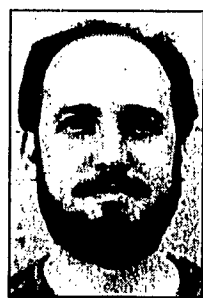
"I am usually pretty happy with my cable except for the times it goes out."

Grant Smith
Maryville resident



"There are certain times when the cable goes out and it seems like it takes a long time for it to be fixed."

Mary Stowe
Maryville resident



"Personally I have never had any problem with the cable, I am very satisfied."

John Straford
Maryville resident



"For the most part the cable has been fine, there has been a few times where it went out but I guess you would get that anywhere with bad weather."

Harry Collins
Maryville resident

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OUR VIEW

City council on track

City of Maryville's investigation into water plant options appropriate for community's needs

It has taken two years to get this far, but the Maryville City Council seems to be going in the right direction with the new water treatment expansion.

What does this mean for Maryville? Cleaner and more water to go around for members of the community.

It has been known that something needed to be done with the city's water for several years now because of the increase in population and business growth throughout the community.

The increasing expansion of businesses like Kawasaki and the completion of Highway 71 in the not-too-distant future makes one realize that the 2.5 million gallons of water put out everyday by the current water treatment plant will not supply enough quality water for citizens.

Even though it has taken several years to get in the position where it is now, the Maryville City Council, along with Archer Engineering, is going the direction we need it to go.

There are many things that need to be looked at when making a decision like this, and it appears the individuals determining this, the city council, City Manager David Angerer, Assistant City Manager Matt Chesnut, and Barry Collins, water treatment plant superintendent, will choose the vendor best suited for this job.

What also appears to be an important decision by the city council is that the cost of building the plant is only 50 percent of the decision. The rest of the equation is getting a quality product from a distinguished company.

Having four vendors being interviewed for the project shows the determination of the city council to get the best possible candidate to build an appropriate water treatment plant.

Knowing that construction could begin as early as October 2000 for the first phase gives residents a strong reason to feel confident in knowing that this will be a successful and needed project by the city of Maryville.

Not only is it good from *The Missourian's* standpoint to see where this city is going in getting quality water, but it is good to see how the city council is anxious to see it get done too.

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MY VIEW

Student notices changes at Northwest over the years



JIMMY MYERS
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

My father attended Northwest in the late '50s and early '60s and returned in the early '70s to work on his doctorate. Subsequently, some of my first memories are of Maryville.

We would return for homecoming from time to time throughout my childhood. Whenever I thought of college or college campuses, I always thought of Northwest.

I don't remember what the campus looked like in the early '70s because I was a tad too young but I know it looks much different now than it did in '86 when my brother was a freshman, and much different now than it was in '90 when I was a freshman.

For the past six years I've been living in Kansas City and had never returned to Northwest until the beginning of June. I was shocked, to say the least, by structural changes that had taken place.

Before returning to summer school I had prepared myself for the overwhelming sense of nostalgia I was sure to encounter. All the people I once knew were not going to be here but the places we hung out would be.

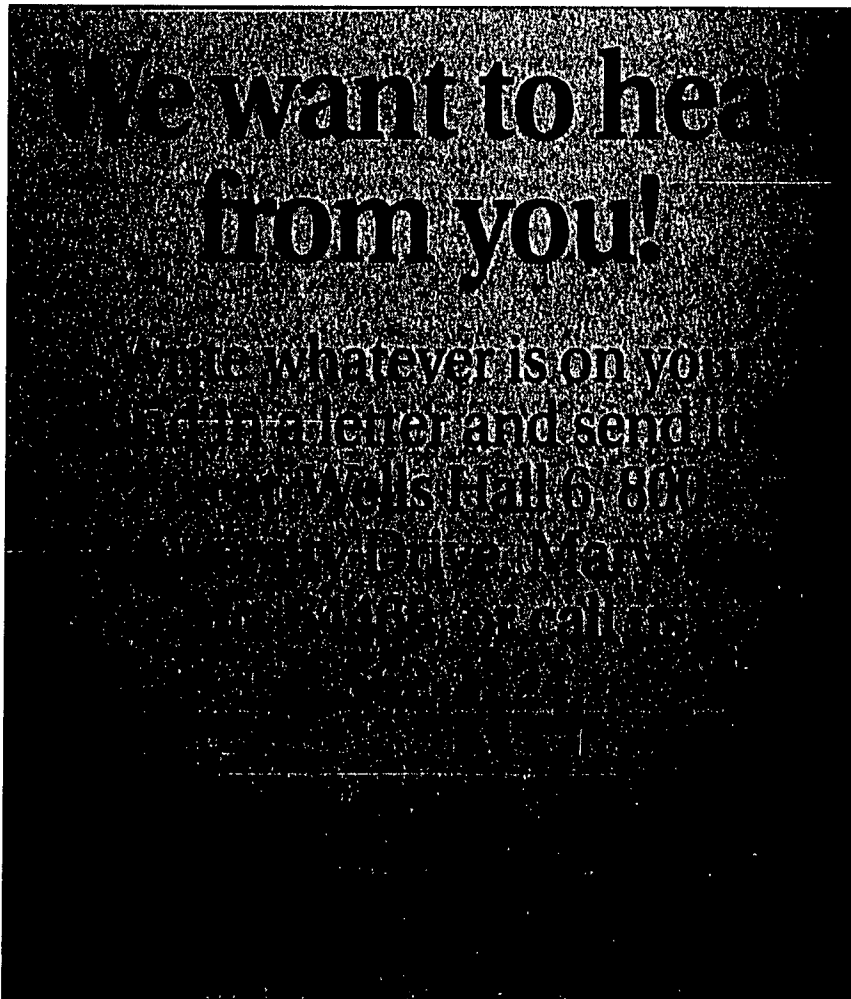
The den I ate lunch in with my fraternity brothers everyday, the front steps of Garret-Strong where I met my long-time girlfriend (now ex but still good friends), the Union ballroom where my band had one of its final shows, all these places were going to flood me with nostalgic feelings.

Nope, didn't happen. These places no longer exist. I was completely lost the first time I entered the remodeled Student Union. The den now looks like a food court in some suburban mall. My beloved steps in front of Garret-Strong are torn out, as are the Brady Bunchesque interiors of the atrium. The ballroom is devoid of the dank smell of old curtains and carpets.

There is no character to the newly remodeled interiors. The old interiors made you feel as if you were stepping back in time. They had a certain museum-like quality. You know, the whole "If these walls could talk" thing? They don't have a chance now.

I'm quite aware that renovation is a good thing but I guess I was really looking forward to those nostalgic feelings found in a once-familiar place.

Jimmy Myers is a Missourian Reporter. He can be reached at 562-1224.



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Wal-Mart offers workers option for the summer

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Carey Crispin, St. Joseph Wal-Mart store manager, said no Maryville employees have taken Wal-Mart up on the offer yet.

However, Crispin said he expects anywhere from 10 to 20 employees to get in contact with the St. Joseph store in the future.

He said the work the employees would be doing may include a variety of preparatory work for the store's newly remodeled sections.

"It's the everyday functions of a Wal-Mart," Crispin said. "It's what (the Maryville) Wal-Mart just went through."

Brandy Brady, Wal-Mart's former personnel manager who resigned last week, said one of the reasons she left the position was because of the dismissal of employees.

"At this point in time I'd just rather leave it all behind me," Brady said.

Bowen said although some employees might be upset about the conditions, most are understanding. She said the newly expanded Super Center is doing much better than it has in the past.

"I think we're going really well with the size of town we're in," she said. "I think there's going to be crunch in times like this."

Even with the decrease in business during the summer, Bowen said the store is getting about 30 percent more customers each day when compared to the same day last year.

However, even though the store is prosperous, Bowen said temporarily letting employees go may need to happen again.

"I'm not sure it's not something they'd have to do every (summer)," she said.

She also said other companies have been known to temporarily let employees go while the students leave for the summer.

"I think we're going really well with the size of town we're in. I think there's going to be crunch in times like this."

LINDA BOWEN
CO-MANAGER



Jeff O'Neal, who has been working at Wal-Mart since May cleans up around the store's greenhouse Monday. A number of O'Neal's co-workers have recently been temporarily dismissed as employees of the retail store. The co-manager of Wal-Mart said the employees who were let go were low seniority, but were given an alternative employment opportunity until they can return.

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Classic Cable aims for quality

By SHERRIE CALLAWAY
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Maryville Classic Cable will be implementing a new system that will increase viewers' picture quality.

The company will be rebuilding its current system with a fiber optic background and installing micro-wave equipment that will upgrade the current picture condition.

Contractors are currently in Maryville hanging and burying the main cable for the new system around town. The contractors will also be performing the splices to enable Maryville Classic Cable to continue service without delay.

"Just be patient with us because we are working hard to get the system running quickly and properly," Service Technician Brian Bennett said.

Cable television subscribers will experience outages while the splices are being conducted but the outages should not last for long periods of time, Bennett said.

Classic Cable's price will most likely rise because of the additional

channels that will be offered once the new system is up and running.

The new system will offer 60 more channels than what is currently offered. Cable television subscribers currently receive 44 channels and after the new system is underway, channels such as Pay-Per-View will also be available.

"The new system will be an asset to the minimal channels we are currently offering with cable," Maryville resident Aaron Burt said. "I am really looking forward to having so many more channels available."

Another benefit of the new service will be Internet access. Customers have admittance to the Internet now, but the system will be upgraded from a one-way system to a two-way system. Internet access will be readily available from cable television and the downloading time may be decreased.

"The new system will cut down on the majority of the service calls that we currently make because of the upgraded quality," Bennett said.

The fiber optic system should be completed by early August.

Burger King managers set hours of operation

By KERRI COFFMAN
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Progress is well underway for the construction of the Burger King front of the Wal-Mart Super Center.

The new restaurant is expected to open in less than a month and has owners hiring a staff and scheduling store hours among other things.

The store will be open for breakfast at 6 a.m. and continue to serve customers other meals until 11 p.m. on weekdays and midnight on weekends. Management is looking into the possibility of later hours on the weekends to accommodate the night crowd, Store Manager Terry Kelmel said.

The store will have outdoor seating available and will be able to hold 150 people in the building. No children's playground is in the planning yet.

Employment opportunities are available. At the end of the hiring phase the store will likely employ a total of 50 to 60 people.

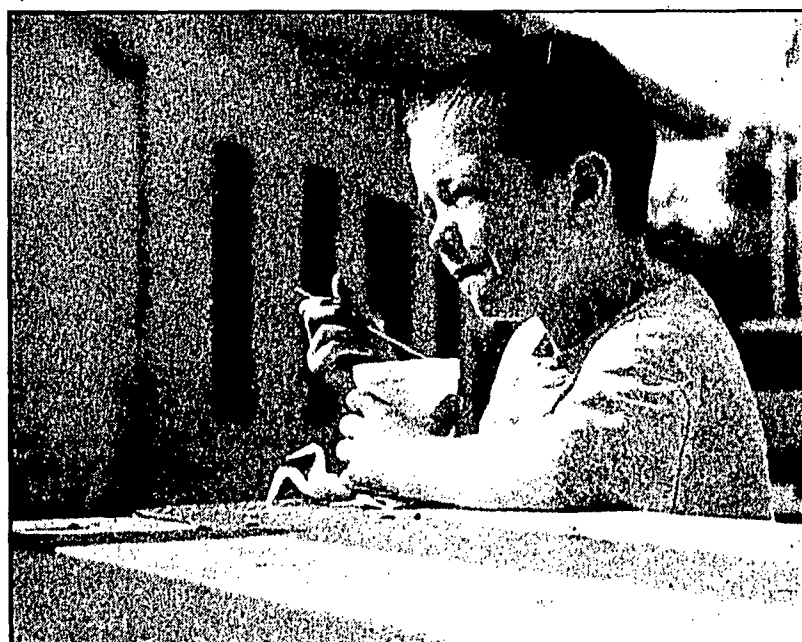
Kelmel said that Burger King will be a benefit to the community.

"I think it should go over really well," Kelmel said. "We are expecting to have \$1.2 to \$1.4 million in sales a year."

Students are also excited about the arrival of the restaurant which will offer another dining option.

"It will definitely get a lot of business because it is something new and different in the community," Advertising major Beth Reuter said. "I think that it will help incoming freshmen be more attracted to the town."

To alleviate additional traffic at the intersection Kelmel said the city might put in a stoplight at the entrance of the store.



HEATHER EPPERLY/ MISSOURIAN PHOTOGRAPHER

Bryce Schmidt enjoys his treat from the shaved ice stand located near McDonalds. Schmidt and his sister said they come to the stand sometimes when the temperature is really hot. The seasonal business offers residents a variety of flavored shaved ice treats.

Blue chip stocks should not be forgotten

For some time now, technology stocks have grabbed all the headlines. And they have remained the focus of investors, even though their performance has been wildly unpredictable, as evidenced by the stunning volatility of the technology-laden Nasdaq Composite Index this year.

The rush to technology has drawn some investors away from the traditional blue chip stocks — the older, established firms that manufacture actual products. This movement helped contribute to an early-year slump in the Dow Jones Industrial Average, home to many blue chips.

However, going back a little further, we see that the Dow gained more than 25 percent in 1999. True, that was a far cry from the stratospheric 85 percent gain turned in by the Nasdaq for that year, but it's still an impressive figure. And it followed several other years of double-

digit gains.

In short, anyone who took a long-term perspective could see that blue chips were still worthy of attention. This fact became even more apparent when, in little more than a week in March, the Dow gained more than 1,000 points.

Why? Part of the answer may be that the blue chips were suddenly seen as more affordable than the high-flying technology stocks. Despite the 34 percent correction in the Nasdaq earlier this year, many of these stocks, especially the "dot.com" companies, are trading at extremely high price-to-earnings (P/E) ratios. That simply means that investors are paying a high premium for the potential

earning power of these companies, some of which have yet to show a profit.

Some market experts have suggested that the P/E, along with other traditional valuation measures, should be overlooked when it comes to evaluating the new, high-tech stocks. But other market watchers believe that companies with absolutely no history of earnings are, at the least, pretty risky.

Who is right? It's probably too early to say. In all likelihood, there will be some shakeouts in the high-tech world, particularly in the dot.com sector. But no matter what happens in the technology area, blue chip stocks will still have an important place in a well-diversified

portfolio. That's because blue chips have at least three major advantages.

The money they make — A company that knows how to earn money in various economic climates should be of some interest to investors.

They pay dividends — Stocks that pay dividends demonstrate that company's commitment to its shareholders. If you don't need the dividends as income, you can reinvest them back into the stock.

They have a track record — Because blue chip companies generally have long track records, you can evaluate how they've performed in a variety of market cycles. This can be useful when you're considering different investment options.

In the final analysis, there is no one "right" category of stocks to own. In making your choices, you will want to consider your needs, objectives and tolerance for risk.

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Sharks in training

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

The summer months create yet another outlet for children in the area to get involved. Maryville's Sharks swim team gives young swimmers an opportunity to have fun while competing.

Swimmers put in a large amount of time and effort in their involvement with the team. Hour-long practices are conducted at noon Monday through Friday at the Maryville Aquatic Center.

Practices are divided into different age groups for the 81 children involved. The categories of swimmers include the 8 and under group, followed by 9- and 10-year-olds and on up until the 15 and older division.

Christina Heints, parent group president of the Sharks, said the biggest numbers are with the 9- and 10-year-olds with 25 swimmers.

Every swimmer gets a chance to compete weekly at meets around the area. The duals and

invitationals have taken these competitors as far as Glenwood, Iowa. The participants said they enjoy swimming against other towns.

"I like it because you get a challenge and it's a lot of fun," said Lacey Allen, a swimmer in the 11 and 12 division.

With an abundance of swim meets, the children get plenty of opportunities to compete, but with this comes hard work and practice.

Amber Williams, a swimmer in the 11 and 12 division, said practices can be tough.

"Sometimes we have to do sprints across the pool and back as fast as you can," Williams said. "If we win a meet though, we get to have a free day."

Allen said all the laps can be the toughest.

"Sometimes the bigger kids have to swim up to 16 laps," Allen said. "Those are hard practices."

All the effort these young swimmers put into their sport pays off. Smiling through chattering teeth,

they all agreed they liked the competition.

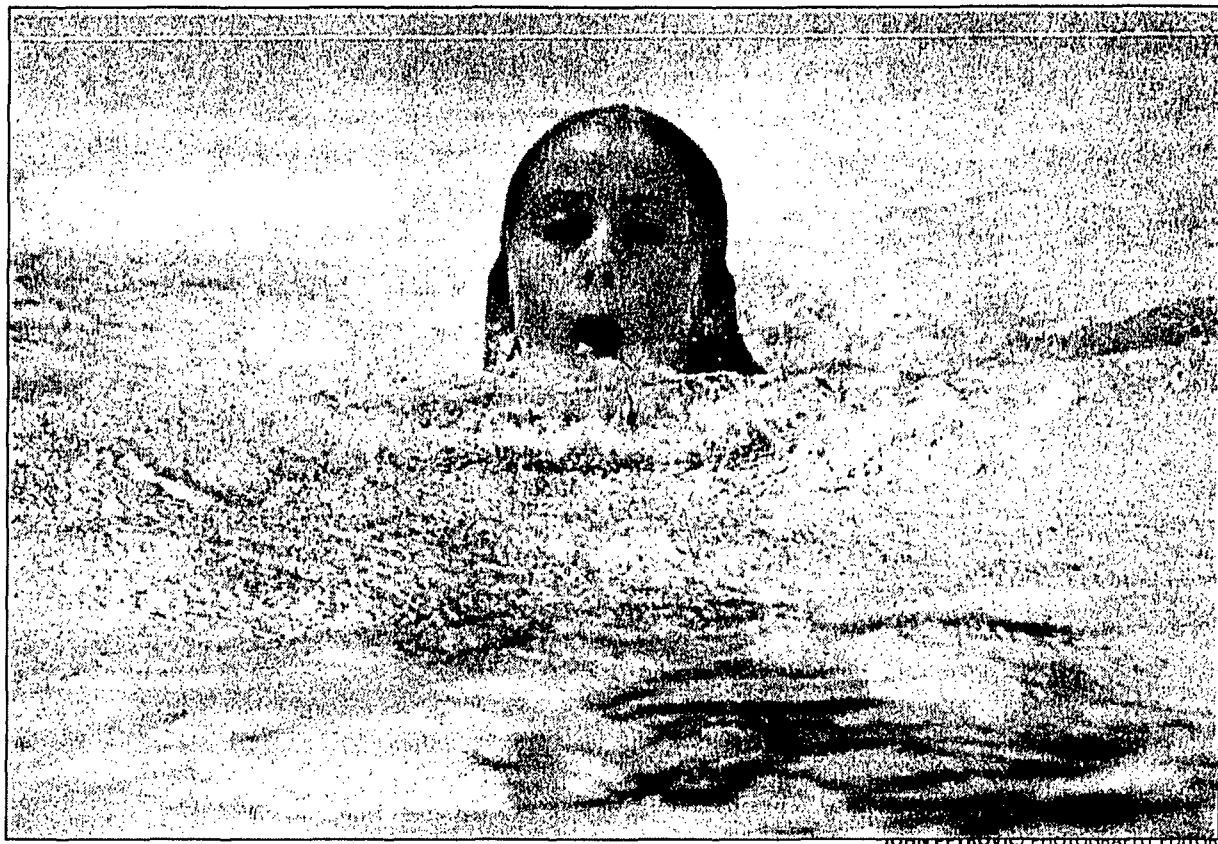
"I like the challenge we have," Ben Albee, in the 11 and 12 division, said. "Normally I swim a little of everything at meets. It is good that we have coaches that do a lot, but there is no complaining at practice."

Along with this challenge comes butterflies, but the members of the Sharks' team know this is about fun as well.

"It depends on who I'm swimming against," Jennifer Zweifel, in the 9 and 10 division, said. "If I'm swimming against my friends from other towns I'm not too nervous."

Heinz said a positive part is the friendships that build from their many swim meets. They are learning teamwork skills as well as building confidence as they have fun.

"These swimmers are getting exercise and gaining confidence with the competition," Heints said. "They are also having a good time."



Kristin Carmichael, a member of the Sharks swim team, practices the breast stroke Monday at the Maryville Aquatic Center.

Every swimmer gets the chance to compete weekly at meets around the area and as far away as Glenwood, Iowa.

Royals pitching seeks identity

By BLAKE DREHLE
SPORTS EDITOR

It has been an interesting year for the Kansas City Royals leading up to the All-Star break.

As a team they stand five games under .500 as of Monday with numerous individuals in different leader categories.

Right fielder Jermaine Dye is the leading vote getter on the American League All-Star ballot; first baseman Mike Sweeney is fourth in the league in batting, with a .359 average, and RBIs, with 75, and left fielder Johnny Damon is fifth in runs scored with 61.

However, as these Royals continue to make their names known in the offensive categories, there is another area of the team that is having trouble finding its identity — the pitching.

Royals pitchers have played uninspiring and sometimes dreadful roles this year, but that does not have manager Tony Muser sacred.

"This is a team that is going through the complications of the youth movement we started a couple of years ago," Muser said. "We have a lot of young pitchers who have not played a lot of innings and as they are getting this experience they will experience problems."

Not only has the inexperience of the team wins, but there could be more missed opportunities for the Royals if the club's team ERA does not improve from 5.81, the worst in the league.

Things may seem a little bleak as the pitching continues this way after the All-Star break, but I really believe these guys can make a positive transition," Muser said. "For the last several years this team has been

last or near the bottom of the league and to be at the position where we are at now makes me believe this team has the poise to keep playing hard and win."

The problem that has haunted the Royals this year has been not having the No. 1 starter in the rotation that can really make a difference for the team due to injuries to several of the more experienced pitchers.

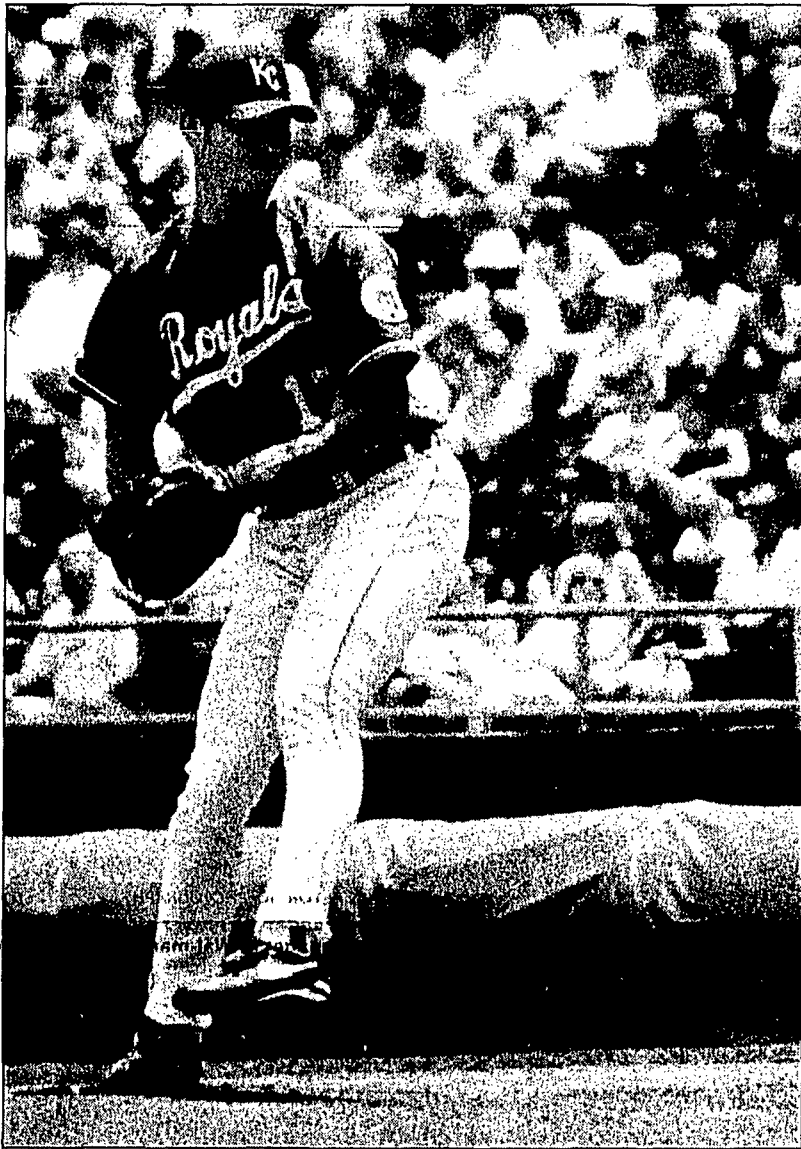
Expectations are high for pitcher Blake Stein, who was acquired in a trade with the Oakland Athletics for Kevin Appier last July, to return within the next several weeks after suffering a cracked bone in his pitching arm, Muser said.

Stein's return would be a great factor for the club because of his 3.88 ERA in 11 games as a Royal last season, pitcher Jeff Suppan said.

"With what we have heard, Blake is doing in the minors with his rehabilitation assignment, it sounds like he'll be ready in no time to come up and help," Suppan said. "But of course you have to realize that he will be great help, but one person can't make all the difference."

Another problem Royals pitchers faced this season was the fact that none of the starting rotation pitched a complete game until June 28 when Jay Witasick, 2-7 with a 5.32 ERA, went the distance throwing 120 pitches and giving up only four hits and one earned run in Kansas City's 8-1 victory over the Cleveland Indians.

"There was a lot of faith in me at the beginning of the season after I showed my abilities last year, but things went the way that I or anybody else didn't really plan for," Witasick said. "I knew that I could



JOHN PETROVIC/ PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Makoto Suzuki pitched seven strong innings against the Detroit Tigers on Sunday only giving up two earned runs and striking out eight batters. Unfortunately the team's bats didn't come through when needed in the 2-0 loss. The pitching so far this season has been below average, but Manager Tony Muser said his staff can make a positive transition in the remainder of the season.

pitch a complete game this year and hopefully it won't be the last."

Even if things do not see a remarkable change after the All-Star break Muser said he believes the learning his pitchers get just playing in the majors will help in the years to come.

Families pumped for little leagues

Traveling teams carry players and parents out of town for youth baseball competition

By JILL ROBINSON
MISSOURIAN REPORTER

Beyond the baseball field, where little boys stand ready to make the next big play, are their small fan clubs cheering them on. For Maryville's traveling little league teams, weekend tournaments are a family affair.

The Maryville Youth Baseball Association makes it possible for boys ranging from 9 to 15 years in age to play competitively on traveling teams. Depending on the numbers, tryouts are conducted to put together a roster for each age group.

John Jasinski coaches the 12- and 13-year-old Northwest Cats. His players put in two to three practices a week in preparation for the weekend tournaments.

Traveling to games around the area, primarily in Kansas City, weekends are made up of clanging bats, concession stand food and excited cheering sections.

"It's definitely a family affair," Jasinski said. "We stay in hotels and it's nice for the kids and parents to get away."

Jasinski said because this league is set up to be competitive, families understand the costs that are going to be involved.

"It's \$200 per tournament," Jasinski said. "We raise funds for the team, and sponsors and parents contribute though. It's a dual effort."

The support of parents and families is what makes it possible for athletes to play. Parents and family cheering sections are a critical asset to the game that are often

forgotten about.

Nina Wiederholt, president of the Maryville Youth Baseball League, has been watching her sons play on these teams and knows it can get expensive.

"Traveling adds up, and most families are on budgets," Wiederholt said. "Families help each other out and are willing to take another player under their wing for a weekend."

Despite some of the costs, the group effort is part of the positive experience for these traveling teams.

"This is a really neat way for the boys to enjoy, and bond with each other on and off the field," Wiederholt said. "The weekends are our small getaways from home, except with the team and friends."

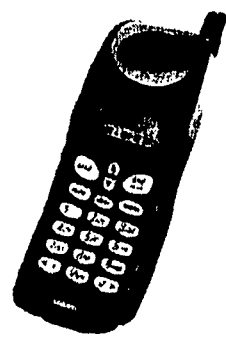
Aside from the quality family time and chance to learn the game of baseball, these teams and families are gaining something else.

"Seeing the boys develop as young men and baseball players is what I enjoy about coaching," Jasinski said. "This opportunity to play and travel allows the boys to learn from athletics and about life in general."

It is the hard work and group support of the families at each age group that makes this program so positive.

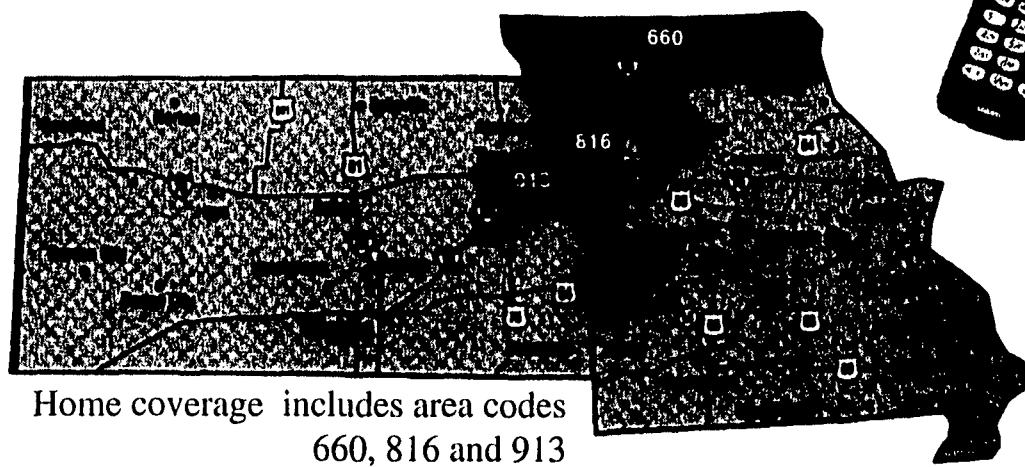
"We are lucky that we have good coaches that are interested in more than just winning games," Wiederholt said. "These coaches that volunteer their time are helping the boys develop off the field as well."

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Stroller enjoys summer pastime

What is going on in Maryville this summer?

Recently, your's truly has taken up dancing with his free time. He can do the robot, he can back his thing up and he can even do that grinding maneuver (that only inebriated people seem to do) when he is sober. But lately, Your Man has become tired of the same ol' same ol' at the local night clubs and feels the need to make a general plea to all those that have the power to do something.

First off, the Pub has become a great place to hang out before the action gets all crazy and people start forgetting names. Give it up to one of the better former Northwest employees that cared about students to buy the Pub and make it a great place again. Prices might have risen quicker than tuition, but give and take could be the reason?

Now the Palms has been re-opened by an alumni which seems to be a very common theme around here. You've gotta love the outside deck during the summertime, but has it been that busy. Let's hope so.

The greatest thing about the re-opening though, and Your Man has a feeling that it'll be on T-shirts during homecoming, is this quote: "Oh my



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god, the Palms now has a crapper AND a sink in the guy's bathroom!" If you haven't seen it, stop by and tell the owner that you're on a mission from Your Man to witness it.

And who could forget the Bearcat Lanes during the summer ... everyone, next topic.

Murphy's: Ladies, gents and in-betweeners, you have to at least go down there, order some food, play some trivia and realize that, more than likely, your average IQ is going to be the highest in there, unless other college students are there. Try the Inferno Wings. But, take it from Your Man do not eat them and then expect to go out dancing later that night. You and your flaming gas will

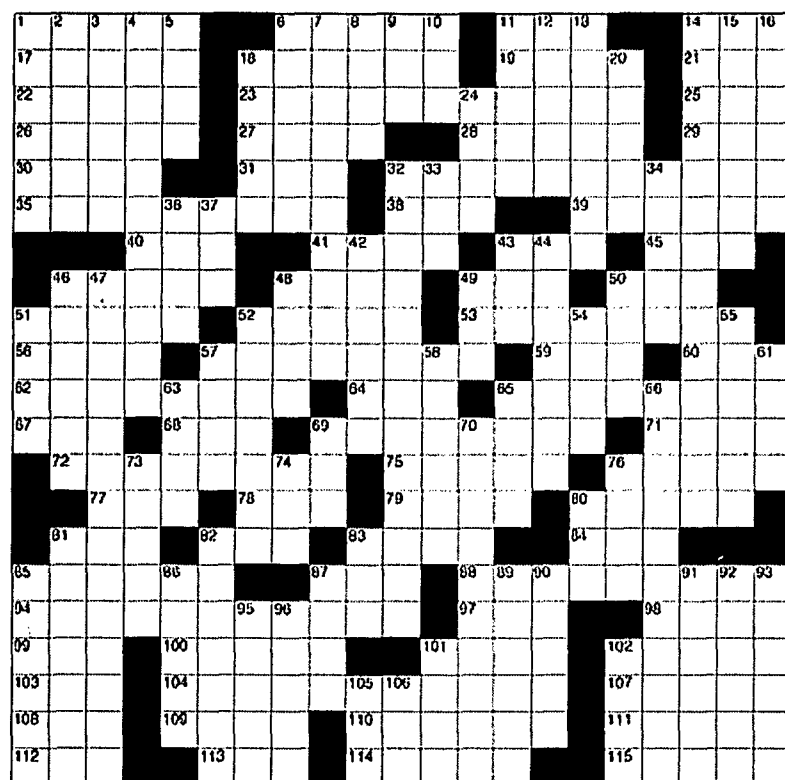
NOT be popular.

Now on to the main reason of this column. Molly's, Outback, and Lucky's. These seem to be the place for me to get my groove on and bust a move over the summertime on Thursday through Saturday. Unfortunately, these places now seem to be in a rut with the same music and the same half-naked women dancing on stage thinking they're hotties, when in all reality most of the guys are thinking how trashy they must be, and the same guys telling their buddies how they should go and dance with one of them, only to feel the need to fill their beer or use the restroom, i.e. having no cahones and chickening out.

Your Man is asking for a variety of activities at these places. Take our money, but give all of us programmed slob and babes something worthwhile like Toga parties, Hawaiian parties, X-Mas in July, etc. Make us want to come to your place not to just drool and sweat, but let us remember that the summertime is still fun and different from the rest of the school year.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

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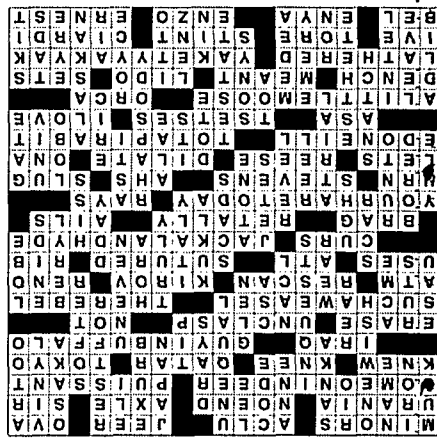


ACROSS

- 1. Put an A on
- 6. Sandwich relatives
- 11. JAG's home
- 14. Snoop
- 17. Slot-machine symbol
- 18. Actress North
- 19. Astronaut
- 21. Uncle on Seinfeld
- 22. Apres antonym
- 23. It's quest
- 25. Dhab
- 26. Criticizes sharply
- 27. Completely
- 28. Oscar de la
- 29. Smoking's opposite?
- 30. Time Machine race
- 31. TV Chihuahua
- 32. Swift's land of giants
- 35. Doing a laundry chore over
- 38. Big sch. hall
- 39. Golden Rule word
- 40. Anatomical duct
- 41. Lawn tool
- 43. Long weight?
- 45. Tack on
- 46. Sacred poem
- 48. Actress Newirth
- 49. Einstein's birthplace
- 50. "Xanadu" grp.
- 51. Man Write My Epitaph
- 52. The staff of life
- 53. Really hot
- 56. Make
- 57. Enumerate
- 59. Be miserly
- 60. Bathub filler?
- 62. Person seeking what's rightfully his
- 64. Blow-up:abbr.

DOWN

- 2. Call bad names
- 3. "I'm... few words"
- 4. Mozart opera about a cad
- 5. Tolkien's tree beings
- 6. Bleach can do it
- 7. What many colorblind folks can't see
- 8. Where Carefree is: abbr.
- 9. Big House
- 10. Part:abbr.
- 11. Author Carr
- 12. Unexciting
- 13. Vacuum power
- 14. Intended to attend
- 15. Get back on
- 16. Neil, Robert, and Sean
- 18. Lamb Chop's lady
- 20. Had in mind
- 24. Push, in a way
- 32. Scouring job
- 33. Actress McClanahan
- 34. Part of an ex-U.N. chief's name
- 36. Composer Schirfin
- 37. Mil. decoration
- 42. Diminisher
- 43. Extra-close attention?
- 44. Some Cornishers
- 46. Norman Vincent's family (and an apt answer in this puzzle)
- 47. Got ready for a showdown
- 48. Very dry, as champagne
- 49. Tampa sch.
- 50. Advantage
- 51. Solidarity guy
- 52. Start of a Tom Wolfe title
- 54. Mississippi politico
- 55. Adjective for Playboy, once
- 57. Jack, for one



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